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# One Hot Bomber

The B-1B Lancer overcomes roadblocks to remain ready when called upon



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If someone were writing a book about the B-1 Lancer bomber, it would still be in its early chapters. The story would have the elements

of mystery, science fiction, and even a little western flavor.

While the aircraft looks like a mini-Concorde with variable-geometry “swing wings,” those lucky enough to get behind the stick say it feels more like a fighter. And they say that if there was ever a bomber built that could be called “sexy,” this is it.

“First of all, it’s a fun airplane to fly. Those who fly it for the first time get a smile on their faces that stays on for the whole flight,” said Lt. Col. Garrett Harencak, 28th Bomb Squadron commander at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

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